Hixburg

Hixburg, Jan. 1.- Mrs. H. M. Marshall, of Pamplin visited in the homes of Mr. Lester Sears, Mr. Percy Sears, Miss Maggie Hix and Mr. Henry Covington last week. She is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brightwell, while Mrs. W. B. Ford is spending three months in Florida with her daughter, Frances.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sears and son, Dupuy were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, of Phenix on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sears and Jim, Jr., of Lynchburg visited the home of his father, Mr. Percy Sears on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leatherbury, of Richmond were recent guests in the home of Mr. Lester Sears.

Mr. Leroy Sears spent last weekend with his son, Jim Sears in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwood have returned to their home after staying in Richmond for several weeks.

Miss Caroline Hix, of Richmond, is visiting in the home of Miss Maggie Hix and Willie Hix.

Last Thursday Tom Hix accompanied Rev. J. G. Thompson, of Pamplin to Raleigh, N. C., where they attended the Dixie Classics.

Mrs. Alfred Harwood, of Appomattox and daughter, Eleanor, of Richmond called to see Miss Maggie Hix on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson, and Linda, and Tommy, of Richmond were guests in the home of his father, Mr. Ernest Carson on Christmas Day.

"Buddy" Carson and Watkins Mc-Phillips, of Ferrum College, came home for the holidays.

Concord

Concord, Dec. 29.- Miss Margaret Steele visited friends this week in Lawrenceville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Miller and son, of Richmond, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Moschler and children visited relatives this week in Lexington.

Miss Annie Thomas, of Medical College, Richmond, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby King and daughter, of Norfolk, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. A. King during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harvey and daughter, of Hilton Village; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Goff and son, of Norfolk, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drinkard during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones F. Rucker left this week for Florida where they will make their home.

Colored Dots

Funeral services for the late Deacon Robert D. Craig, 80, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Ellis on Christmas Day were conducted from the Galilee Baptist Church Thursday at 3 P. M., before a large crowd of relatives, friends and admirers. The pastor, Rev. R. Q. Lawing, officiated. He was assisted in the services by Reverends N. R. Jordan and C. A. Marshall. Superintendent J. A. Burke gave heartfelt remarks and reviewed the Christian qualities in the life of Deacon Craig as he had observed him during the number of years he had known him. Deacon Craig served as janitor of the local high school for forty years. Resolutions and acknowledgements were read by Rev. Jordan. Music was rendered by the church choir. Burial was held in the community cemetery.

The annual church meeting will be held at Galilee Baptist Church this Saturday at 8 P. M. All members are asked to attend. This is an important meeting.

The annual union Christmas tree program was held at the Galilee Baptist Church Christmas night. The program was extra good. The attendance was the largest in several years. Presentations were given to the school leaders and pastors of both churches.

Impressive Christmas tree services were held at the Promise Land Baptist Church Christmas Eve by the local Sunday School. The program was led by Miss Mattie Fleshman. Music was furnished by Mrs. Charlie Marshall. Remarks were given by the pastor and the superintendent of the Sunday School.

Raleigh Cheatham, of the Promise Land community is still on the sick list.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawing were Sunday dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Jordan.

Among the Christmas visitors seen here were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lambert, of Concord, and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, of Va. State College.

Mrs. Nannie McCoy is improving after a recent illness.

PAMPLIN VICINITY

Jan. 1.- Mrs. Jack Williams spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Millner in Appomattox.

Mrs. Mildred Inge spent Sunday with Miss Cassie Baldwin. Also Mrs. Juddie Glover called in the afternoon.

Cpl. Floyd Baldwin returned to Fort Mead, Md., for reassignment, after a 30-day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Dowdy, of Farmville visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy E. Wilkerson, of Lexington spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson.

Those who called to see Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cumby recently were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumb. and daughter, Mildred; Mr. and Mrs. Linford Cumby, Howard Cumby and Mrs. Juddie Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Baldwin had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baldwin and Freddie, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Anderson and two children, of Carlisle, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kahn, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Baldwin, and son, of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sprouse and daughter, of Dillwyn.

D. B. Williams spent la.t of last week in Richmond with his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poston, Jr., spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Embra Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bryant spent last Sunday in Martinsville.

Miss Evelyn Jennell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Z. T. Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ligon and daughter, Ann spent Sunday in Kenbridge with Mrs. Ligon's sister, Mrs. A. S. Bridgeforth, Jr.

Miss Cassie Baldwin visited her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Wilkerson, of Prospect.

Miss Barbara Meadows left Monday morning to spend this week in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Green spent some of the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Juddie Glover.

Miss Peggy Garrett spent Monday evening with Miss Bessie Ann Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Linford Cumby and daughter, Jean spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lucado, at Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Pittenger, and son, Bobbie, of Montgomery, Alabama called to see Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson during the week-end.

Those calling to see Mrs. Green Garrett through the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Roach and daughter, Mary Lee, of Vinton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. James Blackwell and son, James Allen, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Divolo Garrett, and daughter, Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett and son, James; Mrs. Jessie Garrett and children and Mrs. Robert Garrison.

Miss Donna Brandon was Saturday night guest of Miss Bessie Ann Glover.

Mrs. Green Garrett and son, Rupert called to see Mr. and Mrs. Divolo Garrett Tuesday night.

Mrs. Jim Cyrus and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cyrus and son called to see Mrs. Green Garrette on Monday evening.

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FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

There is a school of thought that nominations for the presidency go to those who prepare the way with intensive solicitation among convention delegates and potential delegates in the months prior to the actual meetings. Witness the efforts of Jim Farley in lining up delegates for FDR in 1932. This group would hold now that Senator Taft will have the GOP nomination sewed up well ahead of convention time next summer—and that President Truman will control the Democratic nomination. And this group would say that there is as yet little chance for the nomination of either party to go to General Eisenhower, or for a dark horse "people's choice" at the Democratic convention.

On paper it would appear that this is correct. But there have been times when delegates changed their minds or managed to come to the convention balloting with open minds. The nomination of the late Wendell Willkie is a recent example.

Another would be the story of how the Republican party drafted Charles Evans Hughes in 1916.

Hughes sat quietly on the United States Supreme Court, taking no leading part in pre-convention politics. He made no statements on public issues; took no sides: sought no delegates. Yet the nomination went to him on the third ballot.

Time and again Justice Hughes let it be known that he was not interested in the nomination. He did not say either yes or no.

Public approval for Hughes had been indicated in straw polls. He was endorsed by New York Republicans. In May he was endorsed by Michigan Republicans and his name was on the primary tickets in Vermont and Oregon. But, there were others being considered. There was talk of another bid by Theodore Roosevelt, and Elihu Root was mentioned with frequency. There were backers for Henry Ford, Senator Weeks and Senator Cummins.

In a correct biography of Hughes, Merle Pusey suggests that he would have preferred to remain on the Supreme Court.

Truly, I believe in the power of grass roots opinion. When the chips are down, I favor the candidate being called to leadership, and there is something genuinely democratic about a bona fide draft to service.

Welcome to another "eating" place in town, in the spot occupied as an office by the late A. R. Harwood. Maybe we could arrange a conveyor belt to rush us a cup of coffee to the nearby Times-Virginian.

Glad to see J. W. "Jack" Martin back on the job serving his friends. He is now with the Appomattox Hardware Company.

Town Licenses Are Now Due

January is the month for all persons doing a business or having a profession of any kind within the incorporation to obtain their annual Town licenses for same for the year 1952.

All Licenses are due January 1st and must be obtained by not later than January 31st, 1952. After this date a penalty may be imposed, each day constituting a seperate offense.

According to the Town Manager, someone will be in the town office as much as possible this month but in cases where the fee is known a check may be mailed to the Town of Appomattox and the license will be returned by mail. The cooperation of everyone will be appreciated.

NOTICE TO LISTENERS

While Calvin Robinson is away on vacation, his two weekly radio programs over WWOD are being suspended. Upon his return he will resume his weekly broadcast of Appomattox news each Friday at 12:30, his "Country Editor" program at 7:15 P. M. each Friday. Mr. Robinson has been conducting these two programs for well over two years. Watch this paper or the radio listings in daily papers for the date of resumption.

Polio Drive In 2nd Week

The March of Dimes drive for polio funds swung into its second week here under the direction of T. DeWitt Evans, campaign director.

Reports reaching campaign headquarters showed that thousands in every community across the country were enthusiastically working to make the 1952 March of Dimes the outstanding event in the history of the National Foundation for the Infantile Paralysis. This is necessary, the county director said, because:

"The March of Dimes has not kept pace with the march of polio."

For four streight years," he explained, "the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been running into debt, due to the terrific number of cases of infantile paralysis needing aid.

The National Foundation cannot carry on its work efficiently if it has a reputation for 'slow pay' in meeting hospital and treatment bills for polio cases. The National Foundation, moreover, must continue to keep its promise to the people that no case of this crippling disease shall be denied adequate medical care for lack of family funds.

"The time for giving to the March of Dimes is right now. Contributions are urgently needed and everyone is asked to give as much as can be spared."

The coming week will be of vital importance to the drive, acording to the campaign director. There are just three more weeks to cover this community and to make sure that every contribution is collected. Those working in the campaign are trying to make it easy for people to give. In other words, they are ready at all times of the day to receive donations, the chairman said, adding:

"The aniews with which we fight this war against polio are found in local fund-raising activities. Upon the strength and scope and support of these campaign programs will depend the strength and scope and support of all our projects."

Seek To Reduce Accident Toll

Proposals seeking to curb the toll of deaths on Virginia highways are expected to be presented at the approaching session of the Virginia General Assembly. The death figure for 1951 stood at an alarming total of 998.

The Virginia Advisory Legislative Council has prepared a number of proposals for consideration by the lawmakers. Investigation showed that 80 per cent of accidents are caused by 20 per cent of drivers. Therefore, efforts to bring this 20 per cent under control will feature the proposals.

A license review program is suggested within the Division of Motor Vehicles. Driver's records would be studied and chronic bad drivers would lose their permits.

Mandatory jail sentences are suggested for drunk drivers, and mandatory license suspension for second offense speeders within a year.

Virginia's traffic death rate is said to be the eleventh worst among the 48 states. The Old Dominion boasts one of the better road systems, but there is a demand for greater efforts to curb the toll of sudden death on the roads.

Stockholders Of Local Bank Feast At Fete

Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt served as toastmaster at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank held Tuesday night in the high school cafeteria where dinner was served to the stockholders and their guests, numbering approximately 100.

The occasion took on a festive air with potted plant floral decorations, colorful favors and candlelight placed on the long banquet tables. The Paulette Brothers string band and quartette provided music during the dinner.

In reviewing the history of the bank since its organization in 1918, Mr. Abbitt stated that the primary purpose then was not to make money but to serve as a community project.

Mr. Abbitt told the stockholders it was an institution to be proud of and cited figures of dividends paid in past years.

F. L. Murphy, president, in addressing the group, thanked the stockholders for their past co-operation and expressed his gratitude for the confidence implied in his election to this office in 1937 and re-election each year since.

George F. Abbitt Jr., was named to preside as chairman over the business session. Of the 500 shares of stock there were 393 represented, 266 in person and 127 by proxy.

T. DeWitt Evans, cashier, was called upon to read minutes of last years meeting which were approved. Mr. Evans then gave the financial statement which revealed from the set income $6,000.00 was divided among the stockholders. He gave interesting facts of the banks growth with resources four times the amount reported 10 years ago and deposits more than four times as great in the same length of time.

Unanimously re-elected were the twelve directors, George F. Abbitt Jr., W. M. Abbitt, Charles P. P. Crawley, T. DeWitt Evans, C. S. Jenkins, C. S. McDearman, L. J. Morris, Wiley M. Morris, C. T. Moses, T. W. Moses, F. L. Murphy and Mrs. Mary B. Murphy. Two new directors were elected, Alfred R. Harwood Jr., and Charles T. Moses Jr.

After the directors took the oath of office, the present officers of the bank were re-elected: F. L. Murphy, president; Luther J. Morris, vice-president; C. S. McDearmon, vice-president; T. DeWitt Evans, cashier; and Mrs. Jessalyn Drinkard, assistant cashier.

The past presidents of the bank in the order which they served were, C. W. Hancock, C. A. Hancock, M. C. Smith and F. L. Murphy.

A silent pause was observed in memory of the late C. A. Hancock and Alfred R. Harwood Sr., a past president and a past cashier of the bank, respectively, who have passed on since the last meeting.

WELL DIGGER CAUSES POWER STOPPAGE

Appomattox suffered from a loss electric power for approximately one hour and forty-five minutes Monday afternoon.

The local Virginia Electric and Power Company representative stated that it was caused by a breakage in the line near Prospect. The break was caused by a well digger coming into contact with the line and breaking all four conductors.

REVENUE AGENT TO BE HERE TO AID FARMERS

Mr. C. E. Hudson, deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at the office of the Commissioner of Revenue, J. H. O'Brien, next week to aid the farmers of this vicinity in filling out their federal income tax returns. His stay will include the days of Thursday and Friday, January 17th and 18th.

January 15 First Date In Income Tax Deadline

Federal income tax return deadlines are rolling around again with the start of the new year.

The first falls on January 15, final date for farmers, the self-employed and some few others to file their estimated incomes for the year.

Farmers, who have not used the estimated return dates, come next with a return due January 31. Those growers who filed estimates have until March 15 to complete the return.

For those who must file by January 15, 80 percent of the tax must be paid at that time. The penalty is ten percent of the quarterly payments for failure to pay on time.

The January 15 deadline applies to people earning as much as $1000 income annually from sources not subject to withholding tax.

Employes whose salary exceeds $4500 plus $600 for each exemption also must turn in estimates of their 1952 income by that date.

Appomattox Plays Tonight

Appomattox High School basketball teams resumed playing their schedule of games last week after a lapse due to bad weather and the Christmas holidays. The Blue Hornets have had a very good record with one win and two loses for the boys team and three wins for the girls team.

On Friday night of last week, both Blue Hornet teams were victorious against Concord High School. The boys team easily overcame the Concord team with a score of 53-17. Ray Wingfield was high scorer in that game with 14 points. The other points were very evenly divided among the other players. The girls team took an easy victory with a score of 48-29. Again, Bea Totty was high scorer with 23 points to her credit.

On Tuesday night of this week, the teams traveled to the William Campbell High School at Naruna, where the boys team was forced to give a victory to their opponents by a margin of one point—the score being 26-25. Leon Paulette was high scorer in this game with 9 points to his credit. The girls team was again victorious with a score of 43-23. Bea Totty scored 30 points with Nina Barlow scoring 7, and Virginia Chandler scoring 6 points.

Both teams will meet the Pamplin High School teams tonight at the Concord gym, with the girls' game beginning at 7:30 p. m. Both teams have scored one victory over Pamplin this season which should make these games very close and interesting. It is hoped that the people of the community will come out and back their teams.

Park Service Locates Picture of Lee-Grant Meeting

H. A. Gurney, superintendent, Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument, announced today that the National Park Service has located an excellent painting depicting the meeting of Lee and Grant at the McLean House, April 9, 1865. The painting, owned by the University of Michigan, Museum of Art, and titled "The Surrender of General Lee to General Grant, April 9, 1865," is the work of the French artist, L. M. D. Guillaume. It is executed in oil on canvas and measures five by six feet.

Lee and Grant are shown in the parlor of the McLean House seated on opposite sides of a small spool table. General Grant, writing the letter outlining his terms for Lee's surrender, has paused to look at Lee. In the background a group of Federal officers who witnessed the surrender are posed. Colonel Charles Marshall, Lee's aide, is standing near the fireplace with Colonel Ely Parker, a Seneca Indian on Grant's staff.

The furnishings of the room are shown in photographic detail. Of special value are the copies of the paintings on the wall and the pattern of the carpet in the Surrender Room.

Superintendent Gurney stated that the chairs occupied by Lee and Grant and the marble top table are not depicted correctly. This is probably due to the fact that these pieces were purchased and removed from the McLean House on April 9 and Guillaume did not have an opportunity to make detailed sketches of these pieces.

Guillaume's painting was re-discovered through a reference in the Custer papers relating to Appomattox, recently acquired by the National Park Service. A description of the canvas appeared in a supplement to the catalogue of the Lewis Art Gallery, Coldwater, Michigan, published in 1883. The notice in the supplement states that Guillaume was present at Appomattox Court House when Lee surrendered to Grant and made a sketch of the room, furniture, the carpet, chairs, table, and all things on the walls. General Grant is quoted as saying that the description of the room is perfect, and that the portraits are good.

An inquiry to the Michigan Historical Commission led to the present location of the painting in the Clements Library at the University of Michigan. Through the co-operation of Mr. Jean Paul Slusser, director of the University of Michigan, Museum of Art, photographs of the painting were furnished to the National Park Service.

Louis M. D. Guillaume was born at Nantes, France, in 181 . In 1837, he is listed as showing one of his paintings at the Paris Salon. Sometime prior to 1855 Guillaume settled in the United States. Three portraits by Guillaume are listed in the exhibition of the National Academy of Design in that year. There is a record of Guillaume in Richmond in 1857 when he painted the portrait of Dr. Woodbridge, rector of the Monumental Church. Guillaume apparently located in Virginia and several portraits of Confederate officers are credited to him in the period 1861-1865. He is recorded as living in Richmond at 800 East Clay Street in the Richmond Directories for 1869 and 1870.

Guillaume later moved to Washington, D. C., and died there in 1892.

An excellent biography of Guillaume, with a list of his works, is given in the book "Portraiture in the Virginia Historical Society," published by the Virginia Historical Society in 1945.

Local Law Makers Leave For Business

As the opening of Congress and the Virginia General Assembly took place this week, the local representatives, State Senator Charles T. Moses and U. S. Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, made short statements of their views and aims in the law-making bodies.

Sen. Moses, in his statement and interview, expressed a primary concern with the condition of the state mental institutions. He also stated he will continue to work for the im-

Governor Battle's reccomendations to the Virginia General Assembly will be found on page four of today's edition.

provement of the state school and secondary road systems.

Congressman Abbitt emphatically opposed any increases in taxes and proposed a more business-like government and defense department to save enough funds to meet the needs of further increases in the preparedness program. He also hinted that if the President will not rid the government of undesirables that Congress will do the job.

Their statements follow:

MOSES:

January 8, 1952

To my friends and constituents:

The 1952 session of Legislature will formerly start tomorrow.

I believe our schools will be one of the major problems. Also the state has to be redistricted at this session for Congressional, Senate and House Districts. I am sure this will be one problem to concern all, and will work for the whole Redistricting problem to work out satisfactory.

Our institutions for the mentally sick need every consideration. The secondary road system is something of great importance to all rural people.

I invite your views on the above and all other proposed legislation by letter or otherwise, and will give them every consideration. I promise to do what I think is best.

Your friend,
Chas. T. Moses.

ABBITT:

"Many complex problems will confront the Congress this year. It is common knowledge that President Truman will ask for a further increase in taxes. In my opinion this is not at all necessary. What we need is more economy in government, as well as retrenchment all along the line, except as to the military preparedness program. Enough economies could be put into effect within the Defense Department if the proper effort were made to permit a greatly expanded preparedness program without any increase in taxes at all. It shall be one of my purposes during the coming year to see that our government is operated in a business-like manner.

"Another important problem is to restore the confidence of the people in the integrity of the executive branch of the government. This cannot be done, of course, until a thorough housecleaning job has been done either by the Chief Executive or someone for him. If the Chief Executive fails to act then it is the duty of the Congress to act. Fraud, corruption and dishonest dealing have been prevalent over our land, as well as the selling of influence and the purchasing of favors. The recent congressional inquiries have brought these matters to light; and I believe these inquiries will continue until all the facts are brought out in the open; the evils corrected; and honest people are put into official positions.

"I am very hopeful that many of the Federal jobs can be placed in a Civil Service status and thus removed as far as practicable from influence peddling and political shenanigans. It is at least heartening to know that no charges of corruption have shown up in Virginia, although Virginia is one of the largest taxpaying states in the Union and has many Federal employees.

"Foremost in the minds of all people is the prospect for peace, which is not too bright at this time. Due to the war clouds, it will be necessary to keep on in some measure the wage and price controls so as not to wreck our domestic economy. The preparedness program, which is a building up of our military strength, will cost fully as much this year as it did last year, and of course it requires the largest appropriation of any of the departments of the government. Never before in the history of our country have we been forced to have an armament race in peace time nor to maintain a huge military machine.

"Due to the fact that is a presidential election year, it is not expected that too much legislation will be enacted. General Eisenhower's availability as the Republican Nominee has changed the political situation entirely. There is a general feeling that if he is the Republican Nominee, President Truman will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination."

NOTICE TO READERS

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson, on a long-awaited vacation, the Times-Virginian is being printed by Mr. "Billy" Evans, Mrs. G. L. Dow and our regular staff of correspondents. In event it becomes necessary during this period to limit some news copy, we ask your indulgence, which will help in enabling the editor and his wife to take one of their rare vacations. Advertising copy will be handled as usual.

Legion Holds Local Contest

The American Legion post 104 has launched its 1952 oratorical contest in Appomatox High School as part of the program offered by the Legion over the entire Nation.

It is hoped that Appomattox will have a National winner from this school.

For the best students of the Nation the legion offers as prizes: First, a $4000 scholarship, second, a $2500 scholarship, third, a $1000 scholarship and as fourth, a $500 scholarship.

The Appomatox post is offering a $25 war bond for the local winner. Approximately twenty-five students have entered the contest here.

Carver School Work Lagging

Work is running slightly behind schedule on the construction of the Carver High School here. Shortages of labor as well as shortages of material have contributed to the slight retarding of construction.

The schedule called for the school to be completed during February. It now appears that completion will be at least thirty days late.

It may be decided to occupy portions of the building, since crowded conditions prevail at the Carver school.

The New Carver school is one of the largest school construction projects ever undertaken here. When finished it will give the Negro pupils one of the most modern and finest schools in this area.